

Graphical Bar Codes;" U.S. Patent Application No. 09/578,843, filed May 25, 2000, by Doron Shaked et al., and entitled "Geometric Deformation Correction Method and System for Dot Pattern Images;" U.S. Serial No. 09/877,517, filed on even date herewith, by Doron Shaked et al., and entitled "Fiducial Mark Patterns for Graphical Bar Codes"; and U.S. Patent Application No. 09/877,581, filed on even date herewith, by Jonathan Yen et al., and entitled "Automatically Extracting Graphical Bar Codes".

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 4 and 16 as follows:

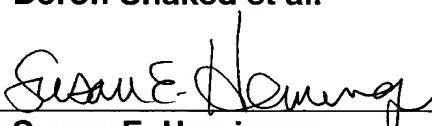
A7 4. (Once Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein each of the base image regions and the graphical templates has a same number of pixels.

A8 16. (Once Amended) The method of claim 15, wherein the weighted average of gray values is computed by fitting a mask to dot locations over the given measurement block.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. A marked-up version of the amendments are attached herewith.

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